



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the first eight years of a child's life lay the foundation for success in school and later life; and

**WHEREAS**, early learning opportunities, including early literacy programs, can shape a better future for our children and strengthen our community's well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, public policies that support early learning and the health, safety and development of young children are crucial to our keiki's futures; and

**WHEREAS**, all children should have the opportunity to experience the type of environment that will promote early learning at home, under childcare, in school and in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers and others who work with or on behalf of young children make a difference for our keiki and deserve appreciation and recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC) promotes, supports and expands quality and professionalism in early childhood programs and services for Hawai'i's young children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, HAEYC is safely celebrating the Week of the Young Child (April 11-17, 2020) by providing online resources for family activities that encourage movement and a healthy lifestyle through music, food and art;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim April 11-17, 2020 as

## **"WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the importance of high-quality early learning and the valuable work of early childhood professionals and in continuing our investment in early childhood learning in our state.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this ninth day of April 2020.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i